

Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families
National Service Planning Grant
Request for Grant Application 2008/2009
Fact Sheet

What Is the National Service Planning Grant?

The National Service Planning Grant will be funded through the Arizona's Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism by AmeriCorps*State formula funds made available by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Approximately \$150,000 in funds is available, funding a minimum of three awards of up to \$50,000.

What Will This RFGA Fund?

The National Service Planning Grant will fund a year of planning/capacity building activities for organizations that intend to seek operational funding to develop or expand into a national service program, including AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps*VISTA, and/or Senior Corps. Program design must address one of Governor Napolitano's priorities identified in her 2008 State of the State, which can be found at: <http://azgovernor.gov/documents/2008%20SOS%20Address.pdf>, as well as at least one of the CNCS Strategic Initiatives, which can be found at: http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/focus_areas/index.asp. Special consideration will be given to applications that address Governor Napolitano's, *Five Keys to Youth Success: Unlocking the Door to Arizona's Future*, which can be found at: <http://gocyf.az.gov/CYD/Documents/FiveKeysWebsiteVersionLinks.pdf>. Special consideration will also be given to applicants that develop program concepts that address needs in rural Arizona (communities with less than 75,000 in population).

The Planning Grant may be used to:

- ◆ Plan for a new operational national service program.
- ◆ Develop a new component to an existing national service program.
- ◆ Establish a new community partnership that will broaden the overall community involvement in and support for a national service program (AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps*VISTA, Senior Corps, VISTA).
- ◆ The contract period for any resultant grant will be October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

Who Is Eligible to Apply For These Funds?

The following types of organizations are eligible to apply (listed in random order):

- Local or county government entities (towns, schools, fire departments, etc.)
- Non-profit organizations (both secular and faith-based)
- Tribal governments and communities
- Higher education institutions (universities and colleges)
- Any partnership of the above listed organizations (a fiscal agent must be designated)

Applicants must have the ability to leverage the required 33% of the total project costs in non-federal in-kind and/or cash match.

Proposed Timeline

March 10, 2008	Letter of Intent/Fact Sheet available to the public
March 19, 2008	RFGA available on-line
March 31, 2008	Pre-application Conference, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Arizona State Capitol, 1700 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007 First Floor Conference Room
April 30, 2008	Proposals due to GOCYF Office by 3:00 p.m.
August 2008	Grant awards made

How To Get A Copy Of The RFGA?

Please visit the following web site on or after March 19, 2008:

<http://gocyf.az.gov/CYFGrants.asp?Show=All>

Questions?

For questions, please contact **Jeanne Weeks**, Procurement Specialist in the Governor's Division for Finance and Administration at jweeks@az.gov or (602) 364-2251.